

## TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

### Elizabeth College Opens.

Charlotte, Special.—The campus and buildings at Elizabeth College were never more attractive and inviting than on Thursday morning which marked the beginning of the tenth annual session. The occasion was marked with public exercises that were well attended. In addition to the presence of the large student body, the largest in the history of the school and numbering two hundred, there were many visitors from Charlotte and elsewhere present these friends of the college being composed of members of various denominations and many of them being patrons of the school. The exercises began at 10 o'clock with the singing of a hymn Rev. E. E. Bonar, D. D., pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist church then led the opening prayer. Rev. H. K. Boyer pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church delivered the leading address and was introduced by Rev. Charles B. King, president of the college who in his remarks stated that it was the custom of the college upon each opening occasion to secure some distinguished gentleman to deliver an address and that he felt the institution was fortunate in securing Mr. Boyer as the speaker at this time.

### Was Pursued by Big Bear.

Washington, N. C. Special.—Mr. Lonnie Wollard of Nicholsonville a residential suburb of this city has quite an exciting story to tell about an adventure that he had with a large bear in a swamp about two miles from this city several days ago. According to Mr. Wollard's version he was passing this swamp late one afternoon and was attracted by the movement of some large animal in the thicket. Upon investigation he found it to be a large bear, which started after him. Mr. Wollard immediately retreated after firing both barrels of his gun at him, which caused the bear to change his course decidedly, though only wounding him slightly. Farmers from the counties adjoining this report bears to be unusually numerous in the swamps and thickets and say they are committing depredations on the farms to no small extent.

### Alamance Men Don't Appear.

Asheville, Special.—The promised interesting hearing before Judge Pritchard of the railway rate case of the Southern Railway Company against Counselor Jacob A. Long and four of his clients of Alamance county did not materialize. There wasn't any hearing. The counselor and his clients did not put in an appearance and Judge Pritchard simply signed an order continuing the injunction restraining the Alamance gentlemen from prosecuting in the Superior Court of Alamance county their suits against the North Carolina Railroad Company and the Southern Railway for penalties for violation of the State 2-1-1 cent passenger rate law.

### White Man Assaults Widow.

Winston-Salem, Special.—News was received here of a most outrageous criminal assault made upon Mrs. Harder a respectable widow residing near Campbell, Stokes county. Monday by Sam Shelton, Jr. The particulars of the affair could not be learned beyond the fact that a warrant had been sworn out for the arrest of Shelton on the charge of criminal assault. The warrant was taken out before Justice of the Peace J. A. Fagg, of Danbury. It is stated that Shelton fled immediately after the crime and is possibly in hiding in Virginia. He is about 40 years old and had previously borne a good reputation. He is a son of Mr. Samuel M. Shelton.

### Salisbury Working Hard.

Salisbury, Special.—At a called meeting of the merchant's association there was a protracted and a business like discussion of the proposition to bring the railroad terminus to Salisbury. The Evening Telegram to Salisbury, editorially appeal to the people of Salisbury to get busy and do all possible to bring the employees of the Southern 400 or more to the town.

### Considering Tax Case.

Raleigh, Special.—A most important case is being argued in the Supreme Court. It comes from Franklin county and is to settle the question whether or not counties are required to levy sufficient special taxes for schools to keep the latter open at least four months each year, and thus comply with the constitutional requirements to the latter effect. The decision in the lower court was against the State, which contends for the tax. The only decision by the Supreme Court exactly twenty years ago, was adverse to the State's contention.

### Mail Carrier Shot At.

Mount Airy, Special.—Lee Burrus of this city shot at G. Y. Nichols Thursday night just before 8 o'clock during the rear end of the mail train the shot hitting the mail carrier Nichols in the back. Nichols was promptly arrested. Nichols says "there is a woman in the case." Your correspondent cannot say for this part of the story.

### Looks Favorable For Road.

Asheville, Special.—C. Sawyer of the Asheville Retail Merchants' Association who has taken an active part in the proposition to build a competing line of railway through Asheville and this section said that everything looked favorably; that from information at hand he believed the aid bonds would be voted without any trouble and that in such an event the new road was assured. Mr. Sawyer and those who have labored with him are greatly encouraged over the manner in which the people have taken to the proposition and is satisfied that before the close of this year work on the new railroad to Knoxville and through Asheville will be undertaken. Influential members of both political parties in this city and county are lending their influence to the bond issue proposition and thus far no opposition whatever has developed.

### Class Monitors Named.

Davidson, Special.—The following appointments were made by the president at chapel as to class monitors. In the senior class Messrs. H. L. Moore, W. Pratt and L. R. Scott made precisely the same grade, 92.20. The decision by lot was in favor of Pratt and Scott. In the junior class the four men are H. A. Query, R. D. Dodge, D. W. Dodge and J. J. Murray. In the sophomore class the men are H. N. Alexander, J. R. Hay, S. O. Fleming, J. M. Hardon, F. D. Thomas, J. R. White. In the freshman class at the first selections are determined alphabetically or arbitrarily, as no class standing has been established. These are T. S. Flinn, K. P. Foreman, W. C. Morris, W. L. Morris, W. D. Wolfe and G. F. Worth.

### Money Stolen From Newly Laid Corner Stone of Church.

Salisbury, Special.—Some one knowing that in the corner-stone of the new colored St. John's Lutheran church there was deposited \$7 crawled under the church between Sunday and Wednesday morning and took all but 34 cents. Rev. Dr. W. H. Lash held dedicatory services Sunday—impressive memorial it was, too—and the money was put in the corner-stone. Wednesday he noticed that a brick was out of place and investigating found that the money had been taken and the papers thrown away. The church people were very much incensed over the blasphemous performance.

### Comparative Cotton Receipts.

Mooreville, Special.—The cotton receipts at Mooreville for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1907, were 4,828 bales compared with 5,499 for the year ending August 31st, 1906. The first bale of cotton sold on this market last year was brought in by Mr. C. L. Walters on September 11th and sold for 9 1-2 cents. The first bale this year was brought in one day earlier, by Mr. R. P. Craven and sold for 13 cents. Receipts for this season up to same date last year were 45 and to same date last year were 45 bales.

### Fire in Hotel Iredell.

Statesville, Special.—Hotel Iredell the leading hotel in Statesville came near having a serious fire early Thursday morning. Had it not been for the early discovery of the fire by Proprietor E. G. Gilmer and the prompt and quick work of the firemen the building would have been badly damaged if not destroyed. The damage as it is will only be a few hundred dollars.

### Hospital for Gastonia.

Gastonia, Special.—That Gastonia is soon to have a hospital now looks assured. Those interested in securing the necessary stock have succeeded in raising \$12,400, and a charter has been donated and as soon as the charter is received a building committee will draw plans for the hospital.

### Child Sues Southern for \$10,000.

Charlotte, Special.—Suit for \$10,000, damages was brought against the Southern Railway by the representative of Willie Sharp, the 9-year-old boy who suffered the loss of a foot several months ago on account of an accident at the Smith street crossing with the Southern. It seems that the boy was trying to climb over between the box cars when a sudden start threw him under one of the cars. Stewart & McRae are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

### Merchant Sued for Slander.

Durham, Special.—M. Kruger was instituted suit against M. Haskell for damages in the sum of \$50 on account of slander and defamation of character. It is charged by Kruger that he was working for Haskell, having charge of a store at Cary, and that Haskell openly charged that he stole \$300. The case promises to be one of more than ordinary interest.

## NORTH CAROLINA MINES

The State's Exhibit of Minerals at Jamestown Declared First-Class—A Few Specimens Mentioned.

Mr. William H. Stone, special correspondent of The Manufacturer's Record at the Jamestown Exposition, had the following to say of the North Carolina exhibit of minerals in last week's issue:

"The exhibit of Maryland's mineral deposits is confined to relief and wall maps showing the geological formations of the land in the various counties, with the different mineral deposits indicated on them. North Carolina has an exceptionally fine exhibit in the Mines and Metallurgy Building, and the collection and installation of these specimens was made under the direct supervision of Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, the State geologist, who has arranged and classified them in a particularly pleasing and effective manner. The exhibit is surrounded by a wall made of Mount Airy, Whitney and Balfour granites, with arches and columns of these and other grades of granites and marbles of the State, all of which gives a very clear idea as to the beauty and quality of the North Carolina building stones. Another feature of this exhibit is the samples of tale shown, most of which is from Swain county and in addition to the crude tale shown, there are samples of products made from it, such as pensile powders, gas tips, acetylene burners and electric insulators. Mica is also well exploited, and one large specimen indicates the high quality of the deposit, which is the largest in the country and produces more than all other States combined. Here too, are shown specimens of monazite, principally used in the manufacture of Welsbach mantles, and this mineral is shown in the crude by-product and manufactured form. The kaolin exhibit is also a very interesting one, and includes, in addition to samples of several varieties or deposits, numerous pieces of high-grade chinaware made from them. There is arranged in this exhibit a magnificent and general display of the various gems and precious stones found in various parts of the State. The exhibit was made up jointly by Dr. Pratt, the State Museum and the American Gem & Pearl Co., and includes specimens of rhodolite, hiddenite, rubies, garnets, amethysts, emeralds, beryls including golden blue and apatite, corundum, garnets, rutile, rose and opalescent quartz, carnelians, etc. Other minerals of importance found in the State, and which are on exhibit here, are copper, gold, silver, lead, zinc, bauxite, tin, barites, coal, iron, ore, chromite, feldspar, sandstone, etc. The various mineral and medicinal springs in the State are also represented here by bottled samples of their waters."

### Asheville Fireman Killed.

Fulton, Ky. Special.—New Orleans, Louisiana, Illinois Central passenger train No. 104 bound for Louisville jumped the track on a sharp curve one mile south of Fulton Saturday morning. Two men were killed and one fatally hurt. The dead: Patrick Grogan, engineer, Paducah. Robert A. Robertson, fireman, Asheville, N. C. Injured: James T. Johnson, mail clerk, Nashville, Tenn., who will die; two mail clerks seriously hurt, removed to hospital at Paducah; (Engineer Grogan and Fireman Robertson were crushed under the engine. Three Pullman coaches and buffet car remained on the track.

### Warehouse For Maiden.

Uewton, Special.—The committee on cotton warehouses in Catawba county has decided to erect a warehouse in Madison large enough to hold 500 bales. If it is found that larger storage capacity is needed, another section will be added later on.

### Kicked to Death by Horse.

Reidsville, Special.—Len Wrenn was kicked and killed by a Western horse here. He was attending a public sale of a number of horses which were recently brought here from the West. He was drinking and slapped one of the animals on the rump. Both hoofs of the horse landed in his breast and he died ten minutes later without speaking. The heart was paralyzed as a result of the blow.

### Secretary Root at His Post.

Washington, Special.—Secretary Root who with Mrs. Root and Miss Root, returned to Washington last week from New York was at his desk at the State department early and resumed his work with a zest that indicated complete recovery from the exhausted condition in which he left Washington at the beginning of the summer. His eyes were clear and bright; his complexion was good and there was a strength in the clasp of his hands which showed that the secretary was in fine physical condition.

### Pea Crop Falls in Catawba.

Newton, Special.—The pea crop of Catawba county this year is almost a failure. This is quite puzzling. The season has been decidedly a favorable one for all other crops and why the peas are so small is a mystery. Some think it is because the nights have been too cool.

### Current Happenings.

Adam Landis, a suicide, left \$100,000 to a Mennonite institution.

## CLAIMS NOT GUILTY

Letter Said to Have Been Left By Joshua Harrison

### FACTS ABOUT THIS SAD AFFAIR

Letter Found in Coat Pocket of Joshua Harrison, Who Killed Himself at Norfolk Declaring in God's Name His Complete Guiltlessness of Kidnapping Young Beasley.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Declaring he was innocent of the charge of kidnapping Kenneth Beasley and asking God to bless his family were the last words of Joshua Harrison who blew out his brains in the Gladstone Hotel, in this city, rather than serve a sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary. The following letter was found in the coat pocket of the dead man shortly after he breathed his last at St. Vincent's Hospital a few hours after he had fired the fatal shot into his brain.

### Text of Letter.

"September 6th, '07. This day I have been notified of an unjust sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary. I am an innocent man; God knows it, and my family know it. I am about to end my life at my own hands. No one is in any way responsible save the cruel ones who imposed the awful sentence. May God bless my precious family. I believe the world will be charitable to them all. To the world I say, 'Good bye.' Whoever finds my body notify my daughter Mrs. G. A. Gallop, 192 Duke street, Norfolk, Joshua Harrison."

On the back of the note was written: "I have in my pocket 55 cents. I want my effects returned to Maggie Gallop, 192 Duke street." With his wife and daughter, Mrs. Maggie Gallop, of 192 Duke street, Norfolk, declaring the dead man was innocent of any crime and was unjustly accused and convicted, and Senator S. M. Beasley declaring he did not believe a word of the letter left by Harrison, the tragedy will go down as one of the most horrible and, perhaps, unique that Norfolk has ever had happen in its midst. "My husband was innocent. God knows he was," said Mrs. Harrison as she was helped aboard the train to Jarvisburg, N. C., to which place the body of Harrison was sent for burial. "My father was not guilty of the crime of kidnapping Kenneth Beasley," said Mrs. Gallop, who also accompanied the body of Harrison to Jarvisburg. "He was asleep at his home the night the boy disappeared."

### Carried Secret to Grave.

Senator Beasley, who is here on a visit to his wife, at No. 218 Brown avenue, was apparently very much affected by the death of Harrison; not that he regretted the end of the aged man's life, but because he believes he carried to the grave with him the secret of his little boy's whereabouts, if he is alive, or the manner of his death if he is dead. "The suicide has carried the secret to the grave with him," declared Mr. Beasley, as he turned away his head to wipe a tear drop from his eye. "He has been tried for murder before," continued Mr. Beasley, "and he should have been tried for murder in connection with the disappearance of my little son, for as true as I stand here I believe he murdered my boy. The character of the man and the threat he made against me leaves no room for doubt about this in my mind."

### Two Corrections Made.

"There are two things I want to correct," he said. "It has been stated that I had Harrison arrested for the illicit sale of whiskey and that he and I were opposing candidates for the State Legislature. I never had Mr. Harrison arrested for anything before my little boy disappeared, and Harrison was never a candidate for the legislature. We were not of the same political party, as I am a Democrat and he was a Republican; and although he made threats against me I never had any feeling against him until I was convinced that he had kidnapped my boy."

When asked why Harrison should threaten him, Senator Beasley replied: "A fight was on in Currituck county against the illicit sale of liquor, which Harrison was engaged in. Four days before the election in 1904 I met Harrison in the road. He stopped me and, raising his hand to heaven, he declared that if the sale of his wines was interfered with that somebody would be sorry for it and that he would have his revenge if it was the last act of his life. The church people of my county had petitioned me to have a resolution passed by the Legislature that would put a stop to the illicit sale of liquor, and it was on this account that Harrison had the feeling against me. While I knew his business was contaminating the young men of Currituck county, Harrison lived more than five miles from me and he did no harm personally. After his threat there is no room for doubt that he killed my son; and, though I have followed many clues and investigated them thoroughly, I have never felt that I would find the

## A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT

Body of Charlotte Young Man Found on Southern Railway Track Near Coal Shute.

Charlotte, Special.—Mr. William H. Desmond, Jr., aged 17 years, a stenographer in the office of the American Machinery Manufacturing Company was run over and killed by Southern passenger train No. 35 just below the old coal shute at 10:25 o'clock Tuesday night.

Conductor Gilmer, as his train was pulling out, noticed some one jump off. When he reached Gastonia he wired back to the men in the local office, telling them of what had happened and suggested an investigation. A short search revealed a ghastly find. To one side of the track, about 100 yards south of the East Second street crossing, a boy's head was found lying in a pool of blood. The skull had been crushed in and the neck was severed as if with a sharp axe. Fifty feet below the head lay the body. It was partly across the track and bore such marks as if the entire train had passed over it. The trunk had been cut almost in two and the legs severed just above the ankles. Every bone in the body and limbs had been broken. Blood and fragments of flesh splattered the tracks nearby. A coat scattered and iron, lay to one side of the body. A new hat was found near the severed head.

As soon as the body was found, the coroner and police were notified. Coroner W. A. Gresham came down to view the remains. At first there was doubt as to who the man was. He seemed nothing more than a boy and bore the marks of good breeding. A flat gold ring encircled the third finger of his left hand. Sergeant Youngblood made the discovery which cleared away the doubt. The address of "Wm. H. Desmond, Jr., 2001 South Boulevard." In the memorandum were several business cards with the firm name of the American Machinery Manufacturing Company printed on them.

A search was made of the boy's clothing and \$5.80 was found in his pockets. This and several trinkets were given over to the coroner. Having learned the name of the boy, Mr. William H. Desmond, his father, was notified. Mr. Desmond is a machinist, employed by the same firm with which his son worked. He came down and at once took charge of the remains, under the direction of the coroner.

There is no doubt as to how the accident happened. Several young men had gone down to the station to see a visiting young lady off. As the train was making ready to leave, one of the party suggested that they all go over to Gastonia together the young men returning on a later train. Mr. Desmond boarded the cars with the rest, but decided to jump off at the Second street crossing. This he did on the left side of the train, just below the coal shute. It is believed that when he struck the great slanting pile of cinders which runs along the track that he stumbled and fell back under the wheels of the then fast moving train. The awfulness of the accident is beyond description. The head was decapitated as if with a sharp blade and the body mangled in a frightful manner.

### Laid the Last Brick.

New Bern, Special.—Saturday afternoon at exactly 5:15 o'clock the last brick was laid on the beautiful and imposing Elks Temple and this magnificent place is now observed practically as it will appear. It is indeed an ornament to the city and would do credit to a city much larger than New Bern. Wood workmen are now busy on the interior and it is expected to have the building ready for occupancy by January 1, 1907.

### Mill Site Bought.

Weldon, Special.—Mr. E. T. Clark has sold to the stockholders of the new cotton mill to be located here twenty acres of land near the corporate limits of the town for \$3,000. It is a valuable piece of property the new mill people have secured for their mill and tenement surroundings. The plans and specifications are ready.

### Harrison Case Affirmed.

Raleigh, Special.—The Supreme Court affirmed the sentence of the lower court in the notable case of Joshua Harrison, an aged resident of Currituck county, which is twenty years in the penitentiary for kidnapping and killing 8-year-old Kenneth Beasley, son of State Senator S. M. Beasley, in February, 1905. The case was removed to Pasquotank county by Harrison on account of the sentiment against him in Currituck. Harrison is a brother-in-law of ex-Governor Jarvis. One of his counsel was ex-Governor Aycock.

### Fire at Smithfield.

Smithfield, Special.—The residence of Mr. S. R. Morgan was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it must have been caused by rats in the ceiling. When discovered, smoke was coming through the roof. It was a large two-story frame building worth \$3,500. It was insured for \$2,750. All the furniture on the first floor was saved, but that on the second floor was lost. It was insured for \$500.

## MUST HOLD ISLANDS

Admiral Dewey Speaks About Our Foreign Possessions

### OUR DUTY TO THE INHABITANTS

Should the United States Give Them Up, He Says Japan Would Acquire Them to the Disadvantage of This Country

Washington, Special.—Admiral Dewey strongly resents the proposition that has been discussed in a more or less academic manner to surrender the Philippines, which of all men he was a leading factor in bringing under the American flag. In an interview the admiral set out clearly the reasons which impel him to insist upon the retention of the islands. Singularly enough, in view of the fact that the admiral is a man of war by trade, the strong point of his argument is not based upon the military or naval importance of the archipelago, but almost altogether upon the great value present and prospective of the Philippines to America in the extension of our trade with the Orient, which he regards as holding out the best promise of commercial expansion. The admiral says:

"Abandon the Philippines! I don't believe our country will ever do that. Certainly it should not because it has altogether too much at stake. It is only our control over the Philippines that makes it possible for us to insist upon the open door in the East, toward which our diplomacy has been directed for a number of years. We want our share of the enormous commerce of the East and we can't keep the door open for it, unless we hold the islands.

### Why Did Spain Hold Them.

"Why did Spain for 200 years dominate the commerce of the Orient? Just because she had the bay and harbor of Manila as a great commercial and naval base. That base can be just as useful to us commercially as it was to Spain. For the past 10 years every strong European nation has been trying to get a foothold for commercial and naval purposes in Eastern waters—Germany, England, France and Russia. Through the forces of war the United States obtained rightfully and without chicanery the best and most strategic position possible giving us superior naval and commercial advantages over the other nations. What sort of common sense would it be for us to give up such a position?"

"Suppose we should dispose of the Philippines and Japan should acquire them? See how the islands stretch along the coast. Here are the Japanese islands, here is Formosa which Japan owns, and then come the Philippines. If Japan had them, she would command every gateway to the Orient and the United States would be completely shut out.

"Every one concedes that the Orient is the future great field for the principal commercial nations of the world. We ought to be the leaders but we must at least have a share in the enterprise and in order to do so we must maintain the positions we have occupied through force of circumstances in that region.

### Commercial Phase.

"I am talking now of the purely commercial phase of the question and I think it is plain that we must have a commercial base of operation such as Manila furnishes. And then in order to protect our commerce we must have a naval base, and at Subic bay, such a base is now being developed. Congress has recognized our needs in the Philippines and has appropriated liberally for fortifying the islands. Modern guns are being mounted on large dry dock has been located in Subic bay, troops are stationed in the island of Luzon and in every way congress has shown its desire to protect the islands from foreign aggression and also to establish a base for possible military operations.

### Big Fire at Thomaston.

Thomaston, Ga., Special.—Fire early Saturday destroyed the vehicle plant of the Atwater-Nelson Buggy company at this place, causing a loss of \$100,000 with insurance of \$75,000. The blaze started in the varnish room on the third floor and on account of the dense smoke could not be reached by the firemen. A large number of men will temporarily be thrown out of employment.

## TAFT IS THE MAN

New York, Special.—One of the guests of President Roosevelt is quoted as saying that the President is still firmly determined not to accept another nomination. The statement is added that possibly his enemies might do something to induce him to run again but not otherwise. Roosevelt is quoted as saying that he regards Taft as the leading candidate but he recognizes the growth of the Hughes boom.

### Will-o'-the-Wisp Clews.

Continuing Mr. Beasley said that Harrison had ample opportunity to get possession of Kenneth. Referring to some of the clues that he had received as to the whereabouts of his son, Senator Beasley recalled a letter that had come to him in April, 1905. "The writer told me if I would place \$500 under a trestle on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, near Rocky Mount, N. C., at 5 o'clock on the evening of April 11th, my son would be returned to me at whatever place I desired him left, but that if I made any alarm his body would be sent to me in a keg of brine. When I received the letter I came to Norfolk.

"Edgar White, of White Bros. on Commercial Place, went to the bank and drew \$500 for me. We went to the Gladstone Hotel that night and sat up there until morning, taking the numbers of the bills and the banks which issued them, hoping that we might in this way be able to trace them. Then we went to the place designated by the writer of the letter and there deposited the money. Two men from Norfolk lay in the bushes near the spot all night and as nobody came for the money they brought it back to Norfolk the next day. I have had several clues since that time and I have been as far west as Arkansas looking into one of them."

"Had I wanted Harrison to die, I could have accomplished this by expressing the desire to my fellow countrymen in Currituck. They would have lynched him without hesitation if I had simply said 'the word. I waited for the law to take its course.'"

### Kept His Nerve All Right.

Joshua Harrison, Jarvisburg, N. C., registered at the Gladstone Hotel about 4:25 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He walked up to the counter and asked W. C. McDowell, the day clerk, if he could get room. Then the clerk asked him to register. Mr. Harrison said he did not know whether he could write or not, as he had left his eyeglasses somewhere. Mr. McDowell offered him, and Harrison wrote his name on the register in a plain even hand, with no indication of nervousness. He was assigned a room on the second floor and was shown to it by a bell boy. "I noticed nothing unusual in his manner," said Mr. McDowell, "but in about fifteen minutes after he had gone up to his room Detective Wright, of the Norfolk force, came in and asked me if Mr. Harrison was in. I told him yes he showed me a telegram that had been received from Williamston, N. C., in which the Norfolk police were asked to arrest Harrison, as the Supreme Court had confirmed the judgment of the lower court. The telegram asked the police to disarm Harrison, stating that he had threatened suicide. When the boy went up to Mr. Harrison's room and told him that somebody wanted to speak to him, he replied: 'I'm not coming out. Before the boy could get in communication with the officer, a pistol shot rang out and when the door of Harrison's room was opened he was found lying on the bed with an ugly wound in the side of his head. Captain Ford, of the police department, ordered an ambulance and the man was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, after he had been attended by Dr. Schenck.

Harrison, it is said, had declared that he would kill himself before he would serve the sentence of the court, protesting that he was innocent of the crime. He had hoped that the Supreme Court to which he had appealed would act favorably. When the news came Monday morning that judgment of the lower court had been confirmed by the Supreme Court, he gave up in despair and determined to end his life.

### Bishop Van De Vyver Returns.

Richmond, Special.—Rt. Rev. Augustin Van de Vyver, Catholic Bishop of Richmond who spent the summer in Belgium returned to Richmond. He will begin his official tour of the State on the first of the coming week. Bishop Van de Vyver has dispelled the idea that he is to leave Richmond and take up church work in another field. He says that he will assuredly remain in this city.

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### The torch of truth must be fed by the heart.